

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 128

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula

April 7, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 128—Relative to the Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 128, as introduced, Arambula. Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 33 in the City of Firebaugh in Fresno County as the Officer Sixto Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Sixto Maldonado, Jr., born on April 9, 1952, in
2 Fresno to proud parents Sixto Sr. and Evangelina Maldonado, was
3 the oldest of six siblings, and attended Arthur E. Mills Elementary
4 School and Riverview Junior High School in Firebaugh, followed
5 by his attendance and graduation from Dos Palos High School in
6 1971, where he lettered in track and field and flag football, was
7 involved in student government, and played the saxophone as a
8 member of the school band; and
9 WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado was a member of the newly-formed
10 Firebaugh Youth Group, served as its president for a number of

1 years while in high school, and was a role model student who was
2 highly respected in his community; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado grew up in the vicinity of
4 Firebaugh in an unincorporated area still known today as “Del
5 Rio,” and worked in the fields as a farm laborer at a very young
6 age to help his parents provide for their family; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado was a loving and caring person
8 and father figure to his younger siblings and to his extended family
9 members, who viewed him as very respectful, responsible, and
10 trustworthy; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado worked in a variety of different
12 jobs to help offset costs of his extended education, and in 1972,
13 enrolled and attended 4 C’s Business College with a major in
14 business administration; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Maldonado started his law enforcement career
16 as a Firebaugh Police Department Reserve/Dispatcher in 1973,
17 and was also an emergency medical technician for the City of
18 Firebaugh where he drove and assisted on ambulance runs; and

19 WHEREAS, On July 6, 1974, Mr. Maldonado married Rosie
20 Moran and they had their first and only child on June 28, 1975,
21 Sixto Maldonado III; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Maldonado was tragically slain in the line
23 of duty as a Firebaugh police officer on August 19, 1975, at the
24 tender age of 23, leaving behind his wife and son; and

25 WHEREAS, Officer Maldonado leaves a legacy of his
26 distinguished service to law enforcement, with three brothers and
27 a nephew following in his footsteps and becoming peace officers
28 for the County of Fresno; and

29 WHEREAS, It is therefore appropriate to designate a portion
30 of State Highway Route 33 in the City of Firebaugh in Fresno
31 County in Officer Maldonado’s honor; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
34 portion of State Highway Route 33 between Bullard Avenue and
35 Douglas Avenue, in the City of Firebaugh, as the Officer Sixto
36 Maldonado, Jr., Memorial Highway; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
38 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
39 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
40 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

1 sources sufficient to cover the costs, to erect those signs; and be
2 it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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